

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-8 for continued examination, with traverse.

Group I (claims 1-8) is directed to a power supply system and Group III (claims 14-18) to a vehicle propulsion system. Group I and Group III include like elements, such as a generator and a metal-air converter. Therefore, a single search of pertinent prior art would appear to suffice for examination of the claims, at least, in Group I and Group III. Specifically, a single examination would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims, at least in Group I and Group III, be examined.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. HSE-058US. In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and the requisite petition does not accompany this response, the undersigned hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized to be charged to the aforementioned Deposit Account.

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